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facing breast cancer together

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Dear Mr Smyth:

RE: Inquiry into elements impacting on the future of the ACT Clubs Sector

Bosom Buddies is a non-profit organisation of volunteers who provide responsive, personalised and individual support to those who experience breast cancer, and to their families and friends. We also educate groups in the community on how to detect breast cancer early, and have provided funds for identified needs in hospitals and associated treatment facilities. We also represent the needs of those who are being treated through our presence on government advisory committees and reference groups.

Established in 1995, Bosom Buddies is unique to the ACT and receives no funding from any national cancer organisations or state or federal governments. Bosom Buddies is entirely dependent on local fundraising to keep operating.

The **Canberra Southern Cross Club** has supported our organisation for 10 years.

The Club has six times provided a venue – pro bono – for our annual Australian Breast Cancer Day *Celebration of Life* dinner. This dinner is an event for those who have experienced breast cancer, their families and friends, and our supporters as well as for representatives of ACT Health and other organisations that deal with breast cancer patients. It is to celebrate life and the success of all our efforts for our community.

Additionally, the Club has given us four community grants which have helped us to fund the cost of materials, insurance, services, office equipment and other materials needed to support our volunteers.

Without with the strong support from the Club, our organisation would have even greater difficulty in continuing to operate and provide our unique services to this Community

Yours sincerely,

Sally Saunders
Treasurer and Fundraising Coordinator